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Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Dick:

So far as I am concerned, the operative phrase in your letter of April 7 regarding Messrs. [REDACTED] is that you consider both to be "outstanding officers". If you say so, they must be outstanding and consequently marked for early preferment in CIA. If the Seminar is to make the contribution I hope it will, its small Membership should include only the cream available to the sending agencies--men who have a good chance to move upward and run things within a few years.

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On your recommendation, I accept your two nominees, being confident that they will fly your flag nobly just as [REDACTED] have done for you this year.

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With best wishes,

Yours ever,

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